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Invention: ARTIFICIAL CARTILAGE

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2005 (Paper No. 20041221), Applicant requests favorable reconsideration in view of the **Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 4 of this paper. Also, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has provided a complete listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.